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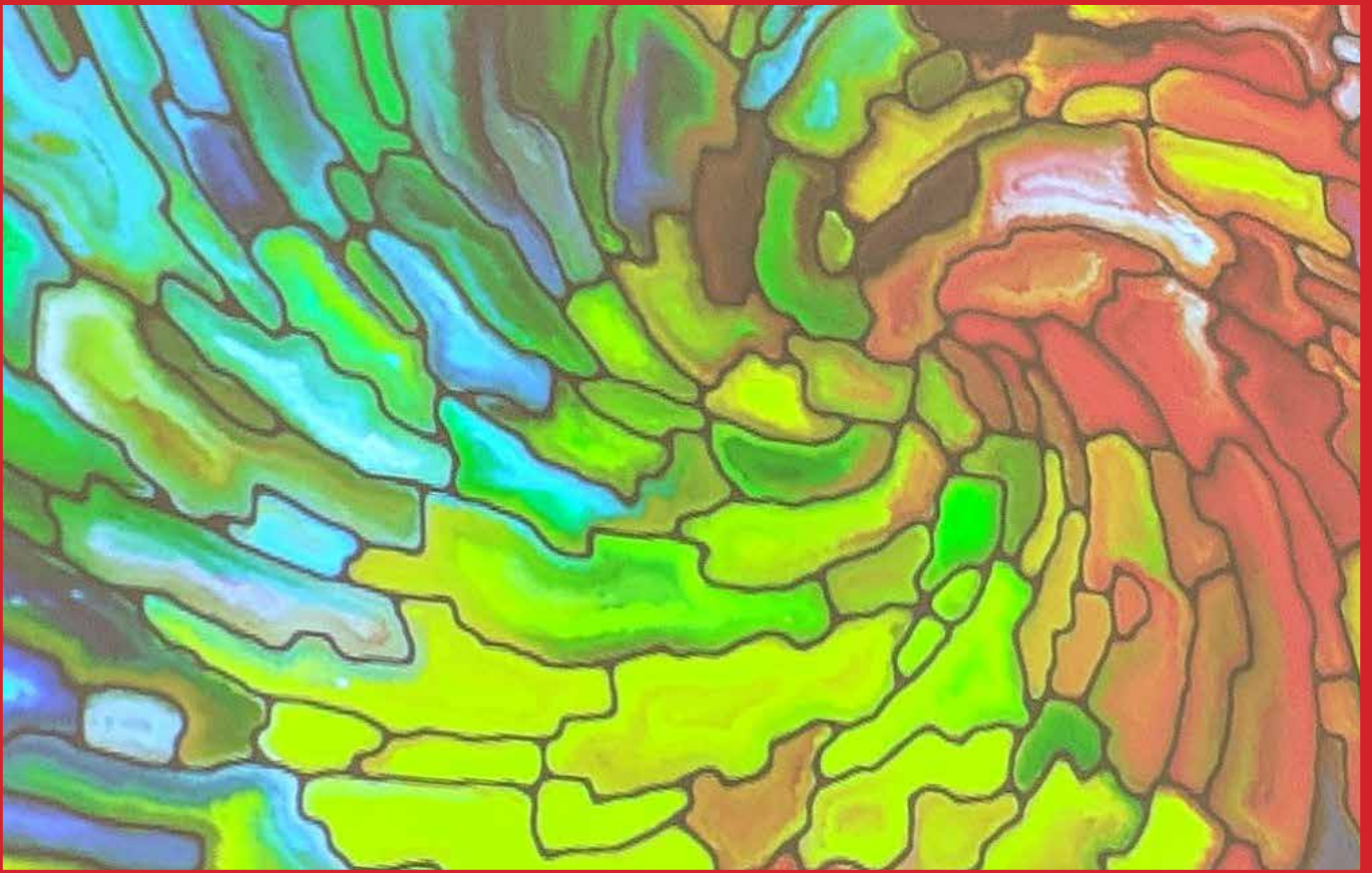


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Transitions

– Lisa H. Towle, Immediate Past NECW President

For the past six years I had the honor of serving Episcopal Church Women as a member of the National Board of Episcopal Church Women, first as secretary, then as president. Now that the hand off to the 2018-2021 board is complete and it begins its first full year of operation, it's time to say thank-you.

Thank-you to the people of The Episcopal Church, most especially its women and girls, for walking what the Right Reverend Steven Charleston calls the “sacred path ... sharing the same commitment to be true to our word, to practice what we preach.”

Years ago, a priest I know shared this story: At a construction site a worker on the ground was handing bricks to the other worker on the ladder. He was asked what he was doing. He said he was just handing bricks to his boss. A second worker who was handing bricks to the other worker on the ladder was asked what he was doing. He said he was just building a wall. A third worker was handing bricks to the other worker on the ladder and was asked what he was doing. He said he was building a grand cathedral.

Thank-you to the women in parishes, dioceses, and provinces who invited me to visit them in the triennium just ended to talk about the faith journey of ECW and how they're using their bricks.

Thank-you to the Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church, for framing our thinking about engagement in this time by stressing that as members of the Jesus Movement we are part



Lisa Towle, Immediate Past NECW President (2015-2018), presided at the Triennial Meeting #49 in Austin, Texas.

“the ongoing community of people committed to Jesus’s way of love, a way that changes lives and changes the world.”

Thank-you to the 2015-2018 national board. With the theme, “GO! Share the Word: Every Day, Comunicamos, Every Where,” we refocused on the all-encompassing Five Marks of Mission to help build on the theme. Among other things:

- We shared best practices how parish-based ECW branches were using the Five Marks to spread the love of Jesus.
- Created a Universal Grant program to fund projects involving at least one Mark of Mission.
- Awarded each of the nine dioceses that hosted a national board meeting \$1,000 for outreach.

Planning for the culmination of the triennium, Triennial Meeting, was done with John 13:35 and the Five Marks in mind. There was everything from the use of tote bags made of canvas (Mark 5) to the recipients of the two gifts for work related to social justice (Mark 3).

Both of the social justice gifts involved caring for the homeless in Austin: the Unified Gift went to Community First! Village and came to \$16,848.66, and the Community Connection Gift for the Trinity Center Shower Ministry totaled \$14,770.00.

All these things spoke to the vision statement of Episcopal Church Women: *As the eyes, ears, hands, and heart of Christ in the world, we will persist in the work of healing, justice, and peace.*

This grew out of the work of the national board's Ad Hoc Committee for Restructure, whose report was presented at Triennial Meeting in 2015, where delegates passed a resolution charging the national board with implementing the recommendations in the report.

Because the report is vast in scope, one triennium wasn't nearly enough time to address everything. However, a foundation was laid, brick by brick, to address key items in the three areas of focus - superstructure, infrastructure, structure. Some examples:

UNITY: The ECW vision and mission statements, adopted in 2015, were used on a consistent basis, often in concert with the Way of Love and the Five Marks of Mission, to help unify focus in a large and varied organization and better live into our stated purpose - "to empower the women of The Episcopal Church to carry on Christ's work throughout the world."

INCLUSIVENESS: To ensure multiple points of view were heard, a diverse group of women were invited at various times to advise the national board and/or use their skills for particular projects and outreach.

COMMUNICATIONS: To be better stewards of money, time, and our environment, channels of digital communications were opened or enhanced so that ECW is more transparent and better aligned with what's happening within the Church as a whole. Thus, detailed information, including what was intended specifically for Triennial Meeting delegates, was put online. In addition, the mechanisms exist to make grant requests online and donate using credit cards. (Even so, the option to use paper and stamps still exist.)



Transferring of the president's cross by Lisa Towle to Karen Patterson at the close of Triennial Meeting #49.

The report is posted in the "Resources" section of the National ECW website. Since our creation by The Episcopal Church's Board of Missions 148 years ago, we remain a work in progress, unique in scope. Julia Chester Emery, who led the precursor of ECW, the Women's Auxiliary, for 40 years: "The Auxiliary stands

ready to welcome change, hoping earnestly that change shall mean growth to greater and better things, more ways in which to serve, more weight of responsibility, the giving of leadership in different paths of service to those most competent to lead."

Thank-you to Episcopal women past and present for their steadfast faith and willingness to share the word, to love, and to change as needed.

Godspeed, ECW.

NECW Board (2018-2021) Directory



Pictured is the 2018-2021 NECW Board following the commission of the board members during a special Eucharist service at the Austin Convention Center, July 13, 2018.

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The First Mark of Mission: To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

– Submitted by the National United Thank Offering Board



United Thank Offering National Officers and Diocesan Coordinators line-up to process at General Convention before the UTO Ingathering Eucharist, July 6, 2018, at the Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas.

United **T**hank **O**ffering (UTO) generates a lot of excitement about its ministry because UTO awards grants—5257 grants and a whopping \$137,094,170.52 since 1889. We've built churches and schools, paid salaries for new ministries, and even purchased a plane named the Blue Box for the Bishop of Alaska. In this latest grant cycle, in support of the Presiding Bishop's Jesus Movement initiative, the UTO Board focus was Becoming Beloved Community: Racial Healing, Reconciliation, and Justice. This focus has generated fascinating new ministries. Every penny of the coins and bills we collect from your Blue Boxes, given in gratitude for your many blessings, is given in grants. A highlight for the UTO Board each Triennial Meeting is that we announce the grant recipients and meet some to thank them for their ministries. UTO's 2018 grant awards totaled \$1,283,216.21.

A couple of unique grants this year were an award to Spain to purchase a building to create a center for teenage refugees. They will learn Spanish, job training, and circus performance skills. It is a unique ministry to youth as they acclimate to a new country, culture and language. Another small but important grant is to an Episcopal school in Idaho serving Shoshone and Bannock tribes. This grant pays the salary to add a class on racial healing, reconciliation, and justice.

A second way UTO shared the Good News was through the well-established tradition of the Ingathering Eucharist. UTO coordinators come from all over The Episcopal Church to participate in this event. It is a high point for UTO coordinators, and a powerful witness showing what small daily giving in gratitude can do when it is gathered and granted.

In addition to grant announcements and the Ingathering Eucharist, we also held three workshops—linking the Jesus Movement, gratitude and UTO; best practices in financial issues and stewardship; and our grants workshop. We used our office for most workshops and had robust attendance. We tried something new by scheduling UTO workshops on the days closest to the Ingathering Eucharist. That allowed women who couldn't afford to stay for the entire meeting to have all UTO activities over the long holiday weekend.

The UTO Board visited the Archives of The Episcopal Church, had a large UTO booth in the Exhibit Hall shared with Navajoland, and featured a variety of UTO grant sites. While we were actively involved in the Triennial Meeting, some of our Board concentrated on networking with other groups at General Convention.

The Second Mark of Mission:

To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers

– Submitted by Evita Krislock, Province VIII, Diocese of Spokane
2018 Triennial Meeting Workshop Coordinator



Evening Labyrinth Walk with
2018 TM Chaplain at St. David's
Episcopal Church, Austin, Texas.

How do we teach, learn, or nurture that which the Second Mark of Mission asks of us? We do it by example - modeling and living into the mission of the Church which includes all Five Marks of Mission. Our recent Episcopal Church Women's Triennial Meeting (TM) in Texas demonstrated just that through 33 workshops offered by 25 different presenters. As a former youth leader, school volunteer, and scout leader, my belief is that the greatest gift given is that of the big picture. In this case, various aspects of the mission components were brought together by incorporating the Marks into the TM workshops and asking presenters to tie them into the presentations of their ministries.

Sacred Yoga: Although not named as addressing the Second Mark of Mission, yoga actually allows space to listen to God's message and love. This activity was offered early in the morning before our Triennial Meeting sessions started. The Rev. Gena Davis provided a gentle, God-centered practice as a gift to attendees at the Triennial Meeting and General Convention. Our hope was to provide ideas that you could take home and consider how they might fit into the Marks of Mission and your community. The cathedral church in Spokane, WA offers yoga once a month, bringing in hundreds of people into a sacred space which is about inviting-in new believers. The Girls Friendly Society offered a workshop which gave examples and offered possibilities of how to engage and empower girls in our communities in service projects—another way to teach, nurture, and invite.

Consider, as well, Episcopal Camp and Conference Center ministries which bring people in from all walks of life, across the generations to learn about the Good News. This organization specifically reaches out and touches the hearts of new believers and those in need of an uplift or message of hope on their faith journey. The number of baptisms and celebrations that happen as a result of the hospitality, teaching, and worship that happen in our Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers is measured in the thousands. "Everyday Spirituality"—deepening our faith and taking the time to be in a healthy, fulfilling relationship with God—is another example of teaching, welcoming, and nurturing new believers. We set the example; we become the teachers.

Perhaps the greatest gift is how the Marks of Mission can change our hearts, in turn teaching others, nurturing others, and inviting others to become baptized. Our challenge is to open our hearts and seek to understand how all of these parts are interconnected. May the gifts of learning and mission reside in your heart as you seek to bring these components together.

TRIENNIAL MEETING SNAPSHOTS





ECW 49TH TRIENNIAL OPENING CEREMONY

Announcer Ernesto's Script as the 2015-2018 NECW Board Members*

Processed into the Triennial Meeting Hall, Austin, Texas

Ladies (and gentlemen) welcome to the 49th Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women!

Your national board has worked hard to make this a meaningful and welcoming Triennial Meeting. They have planned and prepared and built on the past. They respect and honor the women who came before – the women who heard God's call and answered it in so many ways. Those women paved the way for women today. They are held in great regard.

Women like Ann Ayres, who founded the Sisterhood of the Holy Communion in 1845 and went on to direct nursing at St. Luke's Hospital.

Women like Julia Chester Emery, whose heart was in mission work and founded the UTO.

Women like Dr. Anna Julia Cooper, a prominent African-American scholar, who has been called the mother of Black Feminism.

Women like Mary Ann Drake Fargo who with others, founded the Church Periodical Club which distributed the printed word to mission churches around the country.

Women like Elizabeth Seton, founder of the Sisters of Charity, whose ministry was teaching.

Women like Harriet Bedell who worked tirelessly with indigenous people of the United States.

Women like Frances Perkins, who was the first woman to serve as a member of the president's Cabinet and was Secretary of Labor and a defender of the workers.

Women like Emily Cooper who became a deaconess and was chosen to be director of a home for children who were unloved and uncared for.

Women like Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, who was the first African American deaconess in the Episcopal Church and who ministered as a teacher, helping her students learn to read by using the Book of Common Prayer and the Bible.

Women like Barbara Harris, the first woman to serve as a bishop in the Anglican Communion.

Women like our mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who worked for their church with little or no recognition – keeping the churches clean – doing the work of the altar guild – playing the organ – singing in the choir – holding dinners, bazaars, bake sales, rummage sales – hosting gatherings of celebration—weddings, confirmations, anniversaries, as well as, funerals and memorials – teaching Sunday school, and all while wearing dresses, pumps, and hats.

But wait! It's a new day! And this Board is ready to celebrate our heritage—living in the present, honoring the past:

GO! Share the Word: Every Day, Comunicamos: Every Where

**Adaptation by Beth Agar, NECW 2015-2018 Province VI Representative, of A Great Cloud of Witnesses: A Calendar of Commemorations (2016). New York: Church Publishing.*

WOMEN HONORED FROM ACROSS THE PROVINCES

Sixty-one women representing all nine provinces of The Episcopal Church were presented at the ECW Distinguished Women Luncheon held at the Hilton Austin Hotel during the 49th Triennial Meeting. Each honored woman—named through a process in her diocese—received a Distinguished Women pin and certificate signed by Lisa H. Towle, Episcopal Church Women President (2015-2018); their biographies and photos were included in the Distinguished Women of 2018 printed booklet. The honorees are listed below by province and diocese:

PROVINCE I

Connecticut: Shirley Greiman
Rhode Island: Susan Heuck Allen
Western Massachusetts: Renee A. Beaujean

PROVINCE II

Haiti: Melila Diegue
Long Island: Joan A. Derle
New Jersey: Carol Seale Council
New York: June A. Beckett
Virgin Islands: Bernice Naomi Sprauve

PROVINCE III

Central Pennsylvania: Shirley R. Wagner
Delaware: Charlotte Mitchell Hunt
Northwestern Pennsylvania: Enid Bishop
Southern Virginia: Deborah Austin
Virginia: Carolyn Conway Davis
Washington: Paula E. Singleton
West Virginia: Sally Lane

PROVINCE IV

Alabama: Virginia Hillhouse
Atlanta: Alsie Churchman
Central Florida: Dr. Karen Adderly Clark
Central Gulf Coast: Rebecca Taylor
East Carolina: Jo Anne Kilday
East Tennessee: Susan Bolt
Florida: Linda Baker
Georgia: Vicki Schuster
Louisiana: Laurel McCartney
Mississippi: Evelyn Armiger Gregory
North Carolina: Alice B. Freeman
Southeast Florida: Martha White Jones
Southwest Florida: Lana J. Fitzgerald
Tennessee: Diann Schneider
Upper South Carolina: Caroline Armstrong
Western North Carolina: Diane Mance

PROVINCE V

Chicago: Angela E. Wakins
Indianapolis: Rhoda Keough
Milwaukee: Leslie Thorkelson
Missouri: Sharon Meusch
Northern Michigan: Teena Maki
Ohio: Nancy Sherwin
Southern Ohio: The Rev. Deacon Irene Miller Radcliff
Western Michigan: Emily Baker

PROVINCE VI

Nebraska: Sandra Squires
South Dakota: Elizabeth Campbell

PROVINCE VII

Arkansas: Sandra Powers
Fort Worth: Katie Sherrod
Kansas: Sharon Atherton
Northwest Texas: Jackie Batjer
Oklahoma: The Rev. Deacon Lois Gatchell
Texas: Canon Mary M. MacGregor
West Texas: Linda Hillin
Western Louisiana: Judy Bordelon

PROVINCE VIII

El Camino Real: Graciela Velazquez
Hawaii: Louise Aloy
Los Angeles: Canon Martha K. Estes
Nevada: Constance Skidmore
Olympia: Connie Forsberg
Oregon: The Rev. Deacon Nancy Crawford
Spokane: Margaret Rehberg
Utah: Terry Palmer

PROVINCE IX

Equador Litoral: Elizabeth Calderon Salmeron
Puerto Rico: Lorraine Candelario
Republica Dominicana: Virginia Norman Smith
Venezuela: Eugenia Robinson de André

Margaret Gilsey Franklin

(1855 – 1931)



Founder, The Order of The Daughters of the King

On Easter Even, 1885, Mrs. Margaret Juliet Gilsey Franklin at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in New York City (now the Church of the Resurrection) called her Bible study class for young women to a meeting. That evening Margaret shared with her class her desire of a deeper, more passionate relationship with Christ and His Church that would grow by developing their spiritual lives—and lead to action. In particular, she desired that they would become definite workers in support of the rector and the parish—and evangelism. By the end of the evening the organization latter known as “The Order of the Daughters of the King” (DOK) was born.

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Established originally as an Order of women communicants of the Episcopal Church, DOK membership today includes women in the Historic Episcopate, as well as women in the Anglican, Lutheran (ELCA), and Roman Catholic churches that are in communion with the Episcopal Church.

The Bylaws of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) mention under the article on the Triennial Meeting that voting members include “representatives from established Episcopal women’s organizations functioning within at least five (5) provinces, not to exceed two representative from each organization.” In addition to these two representatives, DOK members attend the Triennial Meeting serving in their capacity as Episcopal Church Women delegates from their dioceses. At the 49th ECW Triennial Meeting in Austin, TX, six biographies of the 61 Distinguished Women honored mentioned their DOK membership and officer positions held.



The Six Goals of the DOK 2018-2024 Strategic Plan

Goal #1 Inspire Spiritual Growth and Development

Goal #2 Strengthen Our Call to Service and Evangelism

Goal #3 Nurture and Grow Our Members

Goal #4 Raise Up and Mentor New Leaders

Goal #5 Foster Community and Build Connections

Goal #6 Instill a Spirituality of Giving

Prayer for the Future of the Order

To our God, Author of all life~

The words of this plan are more than words ~ they are the collective consent of Your Daughters throughout the world to love deeper.

This is our covenant with You to pray and be the prayer, to serve and be the servant and to speak and proclaim the Love that abides in all things, through all things and at all times.

We, by implementing ~ putting feet to these actions ~ promise to love as we have been loved ~ to die to all that is not of You ~ and to rise strong, proclaiming Your sovereignty to a world hungry and thirsty for the Truth.

May this plan, written and guided by the Holy Spirit, ignite the hearts of Your Daughters throughout the world.

May we trust and believe, empowered by Your grace, that our love for You will change the world.

To the glory of Your Name, we pray, may it be so. Amen.

From the 2018-2024 Strategic Plan

www.doknational.org

ECW DIOCESE OF OHIO

141st ANNUAL MEETING

—Submitted by Barbara L. Jones, Province V
ECW President, Diocese of Ohio



On May 19, 2018, women from across the Diocese of Ohio gathered for the 141st Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women at Bellwether Farm, the diocese's new camp, retreat, and education center. This day marked the first diocesan meeting to be held at the complex; upon this special occasion, we were joined by the Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr., Bishop of Ohio; the Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams, Jr., Bishop Suffragan of Ohio, Retired; and members of the Diocesan staff. Our keynote speaker was Lisa Towle, President, National Episcopal Church Women, during the 2015–2018 triennium. She shared the history of her long association with ECW and

stressed the importance of moving forward—being willing to Welcome, Accept, Change, and Love.

Bellwether Farm features a working, sustainable farm and is centrally located in the Diocese of Ohio. The property includes farmland, woodlands, meadows, hiking trails, picnic pavilions, playing fields, and a five-acre pond. The worship barn, where our ECW meeting was held this year, is a reconstructed barn frame originally built in 1863. ECW members heard several presentations by the Bellwether staff, who explained how they are defining and approaching sustainability in farming, food production, and eco-stewardship. We took a tour to see some of the buildings that were still under construction. A teaching kitchen will feature programming on seasonal eating, locally sourced food, and healthy nutrition.

The Diocese of Ohio is at a crossroads in its history. In addition to looking forward and anticipating the future of Bellwether Farm, the Diocese has concurrently spent a year reviewing its past. In 1817, the House of Bishops, meeting at General Convention, adopted a resolution allowing the Diocese of Ohio to be formed. It became the first diocese outside of the original 13 colonies. The Diocese of Ohio included the entire state until 1875, when it was divided into two dioceses (Ohio and Southern Ohio). Recently, the Diocese of Ohio held a year-long celebration of its 200th Anniversary. The 201st diocesan convention weekend was the culmination of the bicentennial year. It included the opening dedication of Bellwether Farm on November 12, 2017—with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry among the many special guests.

Joining in the bicentennial celebration of the Diocese of Ohio, the ECW's 140th Annual Meeting in 2017 featured a comprehensive presentation on the contributions of women to the first two centuries of diocesan history. Our ECW dates to the founding of its predecessor, the Ohio Branch of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Mission, in 1877. The yearbooks of the Women's Auxiliary from 1877 to 1911 were bound and are preserved in the Archives of the Diocese. These yearbooks, and the records of later years, document the great impact that the Women's Auxiliary had upon the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church in Ohio. In 1959, the name of the organization was changed to the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Ohio.

A CUP OF COLD WATER

ECW OUTREACH IN MAUI

— Submitted by Kekuhaipi'o Akana
ACCW Run Leader, Province VIII
Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii



Blessing of the A Cup of Cold Water (ACCW) Van,
Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church Kihei, Maui,
Hawaii, October 13, 2013.

Thanks to Maui's Episcopal churches and their friends, the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii is now in its 5th year of service to our poor, needy, and house-less neighbors on Maui.

Envisioned by a small group of dedicated Episcopalians from the four Maui churches, A Cup of Cold Water (ACCW) launched its outreach ministry on October 13, 2013 at Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church in Kihei teamed with Maui's three other Episcopal churches - Good Shepherd (Wailuku), Holy Innocents (Lahaina), and St. John's (Kula). Today ACCW has 80 plus volunteers from Catholic, Protestant, non-denominational, and Buddhist churches. This mission, beyond the church-of loving service, is strongly supported by the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii and its bishop the Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick.

In 2013, the United Thank Offering made a grant to ACCW of \$15,000.00 which was matched by an anonymous donor couple from Maui. Subsequently, the outreach van was purchased and outfitted for service. In 4 ½ years, the van's average annual statistics include over 9,000 service contacts with our poor, 5,000 miles of travel, and distribution of thousands of items of food, chilled water, basic first aid, and clothing, as well as spiritual supplies. It is the only roving food and clothing distribution program in Maui that operates regularly on Saturday and Sunday Sabbaths—along with a mid-week Wednesday run.

The Episcopal Church Women of Good Shepherd Church and our Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii ECW Chapter provide strong support for ACCW. They conduct various fund-raisers for the ministry which include “Rubber Slipper Sunday” (an annual gathering of rubber slippers), “Throw in the Towel” Sunday (a gathering of towels—a favorite item for street poor), and many other supportive services.

May we conclude with a thought from Mother Teresa: Hunger is not only for bread, hunger is for love, to be loved, to be wanted Nakedness is not only a piece of cloth, but nakedness is also the want of dignity, that beautiful gift of God. Homelessness is not only for a house made of bricks, homelessness is being rejected, being a “throw away” of society, unwanted, unloved, uncared for There among these people . . . YOU can put and I can put my love for God in living ACTION



Verna Dozier, preacher, teacher, theologian, and Episcopal laywoman, was known for direct questions. Among them: The important question to

ask is not, 'What do you believe?' but 'What difference does it make that you believe?' One of the biggest privileges of the 2015-2018 triennium was representing the National Board of ECW at events within parishes, dioceses, and provinces of the Anglican Communion, and exchanging information about growing and changing women's ministries. It was those conversations that indeed showed the difference we can make as followers of Jesus.

-Lisa H. Towle



ECW National Board

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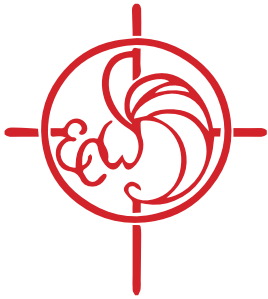
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THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION

- 1) To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- 2) To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- 3) To respond to human need by loving service
- 4) To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- 5) To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth



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